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(c) Several villages which were originally included in the project ayacut were not in fact brought under irrigation and after a thorough investigation the original estimate was revised in 1898 to 84,130 acres first crop and 4,500 acres second crop. The excavation of the Vidavalore channel will add 670 acres of first crop irrigation and the Vovveru channel and branches will bring in a further 1,000 acres. The natural conditions of the delta are such that no further large extension is possible.

(d) No.

Estimate for improving water-supply to the tank in Sovenahalli, Kudligi taluk.

* 405 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether an estimate for improving the supply to the tank in Sovenahalli, Kudligi taluk, Bellary district, has been prepared or is still under preparation; and, in either case, whether the estimate includes repairs to Komaranahalli supply channel which has breached in parts and, if not, why not?

A.—No estimate for improving the supply to the tank has been prepared nor is any under preparation.

Investigation of the Appapuram project by the Special subdivision.

* 406 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Division appointed to investigate into the Appapuram project, is surveying a new line at a distance of more than three furlongs from the old line proposed by the Government at first;

(b) if so, whether the Government have instructed the Special Division to survey the new line;

(c) if so, what the instructions are; and

(d) whether the Government have assured the Appapuram Project Committee that the Special Division will consider the line suggested by the Project Committee?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government sanctioned the formation of a special division to investigate in detail, and prepare plans and estimates for the extension of irrigation in the Kistna Eastern and Western deltas. They issued no detailed instructions.

(d) No.

Paucity of irrigational facilities in Salem district.

* 407 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the district of Salem has few facilities for irrigation;

(b) whether there are abundant sources for easy irrigation; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to utilize them for purposes of irrigation?

A.—(*a*) Salem has one major irrigation system, 116 minor irrigation works in charge of the Public Works Department and 2,432 minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department.

(*b*) No. A number of projects have been examined from time to time and found impracticable.

(*c*) One new project is now in progress, and two are under consideration.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar:—" The answer to clause (*b*) is 'no'. May I know whether the attention of the hon. Member has been drawn to the various sources of irrigation referred to in Lefanoe's Manual? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" No, Sir, I am grateful to the hon. Member for drawing my attention to it."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether, in view of the fact that the Government have not found any means of further irrigation of Salem, they will extend the existing Cauvery channels? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I am not sure whether it is possible to do so."

Failure of the supply channels from the Cauvery in Namakkal taluk.

* 408 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was total failure of water-supply in the channels (leading from the Cauvery) in Namakkal taluk of Salem district for more than 20 days at a stretch;

(*b*) whether huge losses have been incurred by the ryots on account of this failure; and

(*c*) whether the Government contemplate to enquire into the matter and take immediate steps to redress the grievances of the distressed ryots and grant a generous remission in the land-tax?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government do not consider it necessary to order any special enquiries as the matter can be dealt with by the local officers under the ordinary rules in the Board's Standing Orders.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar:—" With regard to (*a*) and (*b*), the Government say they have no information. Will they be pleased to call for the information? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" Yes, Sir."

Supply of water from Mettur dam to Salem and Coimbatore districts for irrigation.

* 409 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have taken or propose to take any steps regarding the supply of water for